

## House Resolution No. 677

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, G. Dortheta Stracke of Springfield, Missouri, commemorated her Eighty-fourth Birthday on January 24, 2008; and

**Whereas**, on January 24, 1924, in Elkhead, God brought a special gift to Almus and Golda Swearengin with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Dortheta, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Dortheta Stracke had the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Herman Stracke (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

**Whereas**, Dortheta Stracke has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two daughters and their husbands, Judith and Edward Miller and Linda and Bob Samuel; six grandchildren; and fourteen great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Dortheta Stracke further distinguished herself by earning a Bachelor's degree at Southwest Missouri State Teachers College in Springfield and a Master's degree at Peabody-Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee; attending post-graduate classes at Drury College in Springfield and the University of Virginia; serving as a teacher for thirty-seven years; and being a member of East Sunshine Church of Christ, the Springfield Area Retired Teachers Association, the Missouri Retired Teachers Association, and Missouri State Teachers Association, and Delta Kappa Gamma; and

**Whereas**, Dortheta Stracke's teaching career began in 1942 in a one-room rural school in Christian County, Missouri, and for some of the time, she also did the janitorial work in addition to teaching, including building the fires, cleaning the building, bringing drinking water from a well, and other housekeeping chores, all for a \$70-a-month salary, and later she taught the elementary grades at Avon, Missouri, and Rolla, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, at the respectable age of 84, Dortheta Stracke is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Dortheta Stracke at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dortheta Stracke, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Charlie Denison  
District No. 135

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 677, adopted February 18, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker